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classical realism, from hounds to humans & and more!

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greetings! Thank you for opening my news.

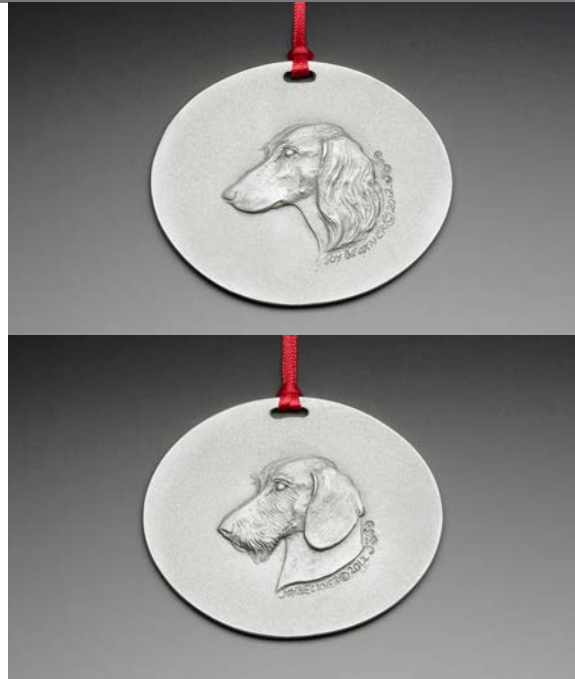
I was so surprised when a lady on Facebook asked about a breed belt. In response, I posted a picture of one of my buckles that generated many "Likes". Actual size is shown in the smooth coat.



"Coming & Going" Sterling Silver Buckles by Joy ©2001
3 3/4"L x 1 5/8"H x 1"D, Sterling Silver, Editions of 20 & 2 Artist's Proofs ©2001.

Treat yourself or someone dear to one of my ovals!
The silver market is lower than it has been in quite a while.
Please contact me for a quote. 636-532-3216 or info@joybeckner.com

Pewters for your tree and wall



"Inspiration"

3 3/8"W x 2 3/4"H x 1/4"D, Fine Pewter, Editions Open. Smooth ©2009, Wire & Long ©2012.
Limited numbers are available for immediate adoption. Please contact now for Holiday delivery. 636-532-3216.

Do you see a pattern here? I adore ovals!

whoa! I just remembered to share images of my new "Delí's Open" wire!



"Deli's Open" Wire, 3 1/8"L x 2 3/8 "D x 1 3/4"H, Bronze, Ed. 20 & 2 Artist's Proofs ©2014

Now, onward and upward to my díary with píctures and good news!



"So Good to See You" MS ©2003

SEPT. 2, 2014: "So Good to See You" MS, 14/20, is on her way from the secondary market to her brand new home in North Carolina!

A Day for the Birds

SEPT. 4, 2014: First, Brian excitedly tells me he saw a Pileated Woodpecker perched on our river birch. Then, a hummingbird quickly hovers over a Cardinal feeding on our deck railing, and finally, an email arrives from National Geographic about more than 1300 species of birds being in decline. This is yet another "canary in a coal mine" regarding human health. Yikes!

To read the article, please Google "nationalgeographicbirdsindecline". The link will pop up!



Bird Species Facing Extinction Signal Threats to Human Health

Birds are telling us about new threats to the environment—and possibly to human health. By analyzing birds' cells, scientists can decipher urgent signals from ecosystems around the world.

More than 1,300 species are under threat.

Add to that, bees and Monarch butterflies, and we have our jobs cut out to help these creatures THRIVE! Please, consider adding Monarch friendly flowers such as Milkweed to your sunny landscape next spring.



"So Good to See You" ML ©2011

SEPT. 8, 2014: Whoo-hooo! A letter arrives stating "So Good to See You" ML has earned the Marilyn Newmark Award in the Allied Artists 100th Anniversary Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, NYC. Marilyn was a friend and I was deeply saddened when she passed after Hurricane Sandy. Thank you, daughter Mindy, for continuing Marilyn's tradition of awarding fine traditional realistic sculpture.



SEPT. 9, 2014: This life-sized, unique, commissioned piece titled "Tollo" is on its way to its Mom and Dad!

"Tollo" ©2014



More Birds...

SEPT. 16, 2014, 11:09AM: A Great Horned Owl perches on the pine next to our second story bedroom window – at *my* eye level! WOW! Next, Bo Duke jumps up on a window seat in awe of an acrobatic squirrel that is no more than three feet from him eating berries in our dogwood, at *his* eye level! Cool! What a day! I want a Go-Pro so I have a camera at all times!

SEPT. 28, 2014, SUNDAY: We take our first showers in our newly remodeled master bath. Getting everything back in the bathrooms, and in order, will take much longer.

Later, Brian helps me transplant a cactus that I purchased after we visited Big Bend National Park in the 80s. It has growth rings, just like a tree!

I so want to keep the beautiful simple pot it was in, but the plant sways and needs more room for roots if it is to survive. Underneath I find an impossible to read signature; I keep a few potshards and place them on the soil in a big pot with my ponytail palm.

SEPT. 29, 12:05PM: Received via email from my friend Charlotte:

Zagal

7/20/2000 – 9/29/2014

Good-bye my friend/Adios mi amigo.

You were one fine fella
and
I miss you already.

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In January 2000, in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, Charlotte Peltz introduced me to a whole new world of dog feeding and dog training. Her ideas helped Lizzie to live to within one month of her 17th birthday. Be well, my friend. My heart is with you.



Charlotte with Zagal, left and Moxie in her garden in San Miguel.

Read Charlotte's "Living with Your Dog" articles here: <http://www.joybeckner.com/charlotte-peltz-articles.htm>
Also, please Google Dr. Karen Becker, who also has wonderful articles about feeding and caring for your dogs.

OCT. 2, 2014: SOLD! A check arrives from Dog & Horse fine Art for:



"Siesta" Smooth, 1:6 Scale 22/99 ©2005

OCT. 3, 2014: WOW! I call Brian's 93-year-old mother Jeanne and learn that she totaled her 22-year-old car and escaped unscathed! October 1, she'd driven up to the Mesa above Grand Junction, CO, because it was such a beautiful day. She lost control of her car when she hit a patch of ice and ran over some rocks that tore up the bottom of the engine. She got out, walked about a mile downhill to the ranger station and got help. Brian's little brother Charlie told me it was 6:30pm and he was worried about her. Then Charlie heard from the Highway department that Jeanne was fine. She thinks she might get a new car, she confesses later this month that she enjoys being driven around. ;-)) Time will tell.

OCT. 7, 2014: The very last "Dreaming of Tomatoes" MS, is shipped to its new home in Texas. ALL three editions of the three sizes of "Dreaming of Tomatoes" are SOLD OUT. Adios, dear dreaming friends.

"Dreaming of Tomatoes" MS. ©2007



OCT. 9, 2014: Today a pair of "Deli's Open" Smooth make their way to two breeders in Finland! "Deli's Open" one red, and one black and tan, are the first two pieces to be paid for through my new PayPal merchant account. Thank you, Anu, for your suggestion!



"Deli's Open" Smooth

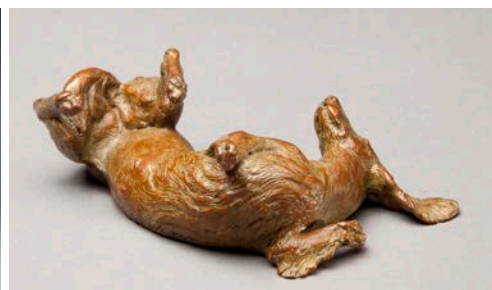
OCT. 11, 2014: A card arrives and states all three of my entries were accepted for the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C. Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature:



"Siesta" Long ©2006



"Deli's Open" Smooth ©2011



"A Good Life" Long ©2011

OCT. 12, 2014: Bo Duke waits for his daddy to come out of the shower. I LOVE this pose! Do YOU?





Hydrangea blossoms from our garden bloom inside on our kitchen counter.

OCT. 16, 2014: Welcome Sunshine, after eight days of dreary!

Dogs' Brains Are Most Activated, and Pleasantly so, by the Scent of a Familiar Human. Dr. Karen Becker.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2014/10/20/dogs>

OCTOBER 21, 2014: "Hello, my darling. Tell me the gossip!" was Oscar's way of answering the phone. A PBS tribute to Oscar De la Renta, who passed yesterday, reminded me of some wonderful times in my youth. In my twenties, when I could not figure which way I wanted to go – fashion or art – I chose fashion after my sophomore year at Washington University School of Fine Art. I took a round about way to fashion, by working in the flagship downtown store of Famous-Barr, a May Company Department Store here in St. Louis. I worked in display for a year and then transferred to the fashion office where I coordinated fashions and hired models for the Wednesday tearoom shows and larger shows at special venues around town.

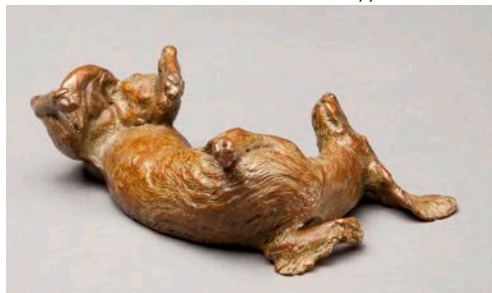
The store had very special events back then, even staging a Supercalifragilistic Expialidocious Christmas complete with Julie Andrew's dresses from Mary Poppins! I remember riding down an escalator wearing her white dress with orange cummerbund. Julie has *long* arms and I had painted my hair red back then! I also remember meeting, if briefly, Anne Klein, when she visited the store, and going to NYC for the store. Do I remember what I was doing there? No... But, it was a heady time.

In addition to working with the "It" designer clothes of the time, among them Courege, we also celebrated the Beatles at a time when the Rudi Gernrich no bra was all the rage. Then, one could acquire a well-constructed dress for a mere \$68. I so wish I remembered the brand names.

After nearly five years at Famous-Barr, my credit card bill was \$700 and, since my Famous-Barr weekly earnings in the 1960s were about \$90 per week including overtime, I decided I needed to change direction. After all, lots of those purchases were now out of style. Yikes! More later.

OCTOBER 22, 2014: Brian and I have a date to drive in the country to see colorful fall leaves. We head west to very German, Herman, MO. There we look at antique shops, and decide we need to have an estate sale "some day". We buy summer sausage and head home. Total time is about four hours, time for Bo Duke to need to pee.

"A Good Life" Long, earned the First Place prize for Sculpture in the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society show in Washington, D.C. Please see October 11, above. ;-))



OCTOBER 29, 2014: My 76-year-old cousin Earl's brain is a bit better today. It stopped bleeding but is still swollen. The doctor said his brain is working and the family should give him time for it to heal. We know he does not want to live as a vegetable. While in his soybean field, October 17, he fell off his combine. His wife Mary thinks he was washing the windshield because part was not washed. He was able to walk to the house, and then to the ambulance. This is the third falling accident among my Illinois cousins. Lesson: Work on balance, and remember, you are not as young as you once were. Listen to your body, and please, wish Earl well. Thank you!

NOVEMBER 4, 2014: I vote and then complete customizing the faces of three 1:6 scale longhaired waxes: "A Good Life", "So Good to See You" and "Siesta" to look like Tollo's companion, crème longhaired "Hana". I overnight them to the foundry.

At 2pm the second phase of my dental implant begins. The X-Ray shows enough bone. Then, my wonderful oral surgeon and I learn the hard way that I need two more plugs of bone after he drills through my sinus! I open my eyes and see him sweating. There is nothing for sure when you install a dental implant. Lots of ice chills my cheek and I go to bed early.

Nov. 6, 2014: A puffy face and a deep jowl greet me this morning. Heating pad treatments, 20 minutes on, and 20 minutes off, offer comfort. Dental implants are not for sissies! And, I am trying to get just one implant!

SOLD!! Yay! A North Carolina collector bought two pieces today: "Squirrel Season" Smooth, 37/50 and "Siesta" MS 8/20. This will surely help with the dental bill! *Thank you!!*



"Squirrel Season" Smooth. Photo by Mel Schockner



"Siesta" MS. Photo by Joseph Bottoms.

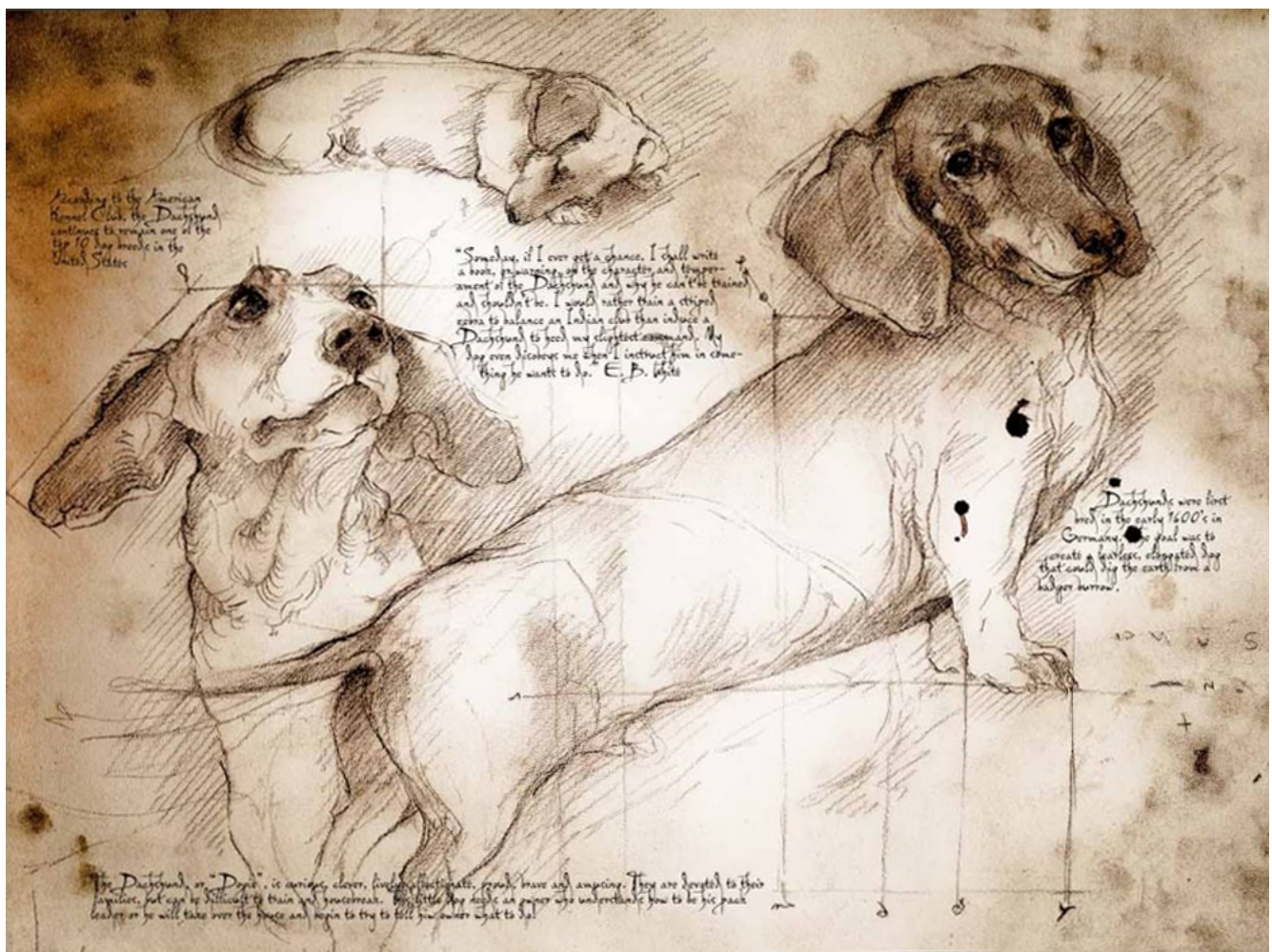
NOVEMBER 6, 2014: Brian brings home an Uptown Magazine to read while heating my swollen face. The article looks great! I thank new writer friend Sheila Frayne Rhoades and call the editor to thank her for wanting me as a Person of Interest for the November/December issue. I am honored, and extremely honored by those who collect my work. Thank you! The November/December issue of Uptown Magazine article will be in my early 2015 newsletter.

NOVEMBER 8, 2014: A credit arrives from my oral surgeon. In May, we'll try again for a successful implant.

More Memories...

Recently, a friend emailed a touching story about an old box telephone, the local operator and party lines. I was about five years old when my maternal grandparents passed away, but I remember their wall phone that looked just like the old box phone. It seems they had to crank it, too, but I am not sure about that. I remember these things about their simple farmhouse kitchen: the hand pump for water next to the sink, and the round oak table covered in colorful oil cloth complete with a pressed glass holder for silverware. I have their hand-wound oak clock that sat on a shelf over Grandma's rocker that sat next to the woodstove she used for cooking and for heating the kitchen. A while ago, I gave my cousin Floyd her rocker because his son is interested in family history. These are all good memories. Let me know if you would like to read the story that inspired my writing this.

I adore these exquisite sketches of a smooth dachshund and share them with my highest respect for the unknown artist. Can you find a signature on this image that I found on Facebook? Can you tell me anything more about this drawing? I LOVE it and wish I had drawn it!



See, touch and be touched by my work at these upcoming shows:

THRU - DEC. 14, 2014: "The Dog Show: The Art of Our Canine Companions" The Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road (at the corner of Columbia Turnpike) in Morristown, NJ, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 - 5pm, and Sundays from 12 - 5pm. Call (973) 971-3700, or visit www.morrismuseum.org. Thank you, collector and friend Larry Terricone for loaning your piece to make this possible!

NOV. 7 - JAN. 9, 2015: The Council for the Arts of Chambersburg, PA 30th Annual Exhibition of Miniature Art 2014, 159 S. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201. www.councilforthearts.net

NOV. 24, 2014 – JAN. 2, 2015: Salmagundi Club Thumb Box Exhibition, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY.

NOV. 23 - JAN. 4, 2015: Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC, Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature

JAN. 8 - MARCH 8, 2015: All Creatures Great and Small, A juried outdoor sculpture exhibition in one of America's premier gardens. Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, FL. <http://www.naplesgarden.org/show/nature-connects>

APRIL 9 - APRIL 12, 2015: Dachshund Club of America National Specialty, The Chattanooga Choo Choo, a Historic Hotel of America, 1400 Market St, Chattanooga, TN 37402. (423) 266-5000. www.choochoo.com

APRIL 24 - JULY 19, 2015: Allied Artists of America, Inc., 100th Year Invitational Exhibition at Canton Museum of Art, 1001 Market Avenue N., Canton, OH 44702

THROUGH MAY 2015: Art on the Avenues, Wenatchee, WA: www.artontheavenues.org

THROUGH MAY 2015: David A. Straz, Jr. Center for Performing Arts, 1010 Macinnes Place, Tampa, FL

"A little of what you fancy does you good."

The lovely thought above can be found inside the lid of Fischer & Weiser's Mango Ginger Habanero Sauce. In their booklet is a wonderful recipe for Coconut Shrimp with a little of this sauce poured over the shrimp before serving. I send a HUGE thank you to Shannon Hanna, owner of RS Hanna Gallery in Fredericksburg, TX, for her gift of three Fischer & Weiser sauces for Christmas last year. What a sweet thought!



May I suggest? Try el perro verde, a fruity smooth white wine from Rueda, Spain with your Thanksgiving turkey. It is delicious! Even the green cork sports the el perro verde image. Thank you, Brian, for introducing us to the green dog.

I'll write more after Thanksgiving. Have a happy one!

Thank you for being in our lives!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Joy, Brian & Bo Duke

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Please call or write when you can.

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